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SUBJECT: PAPAVER BRACTEATUM -RESEARCH CONTRACT

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1. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, TARAS COMPANY STILL EXISTS AND HAS OFFICIAL AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL AND EXPORT BRACTEATUM. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT RELATION IS BETWEEN ALLIANCE AND TARAS. SINCE ALL OUR INFORMATION ON IRANIAN COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF BRACTEATUM DERIVES FROM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GENMISH COMMANDANT AND GEN. MALEK, ONE OF HEADS OF TARAS, WE PREFER TO WAIT FOR COM-MANDANT'S RETURN FROM TDY JULY 21 TO PURSUE ISSUE.

2. INFORMING GOI OF PURCHASE AT THIS TIME WOULD PROBABLY RAISE MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT WOULD ANSWER. WE WILL LET GEN. MALEK KNOW INFORMALLY THAT USG IS ULTIMATE BUYER OF THEBAINE TO ASSUAGE ANY QUALMS HE MAY HAVE ABOUT DEALING WITH WEIZMANN INSTITUTE. LAST YEAR HE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR WORKING WITH USG OR US COMPANY IN BRACTEATUM CULTIVATION AND RESEARCH. WE WILL ALSO CAUTION HIM ABOUT LIMITED MARKET ALONG LINES PARA 4 REFTTEL.

3. WE HAVE HEARD THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM HAVE VISITED TEHRAN UNIVERSITY BRACTEATUM RESEARCHERS BUT
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ARE NOT AWARE WHETHER THEY APPROACHED TARAS.

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